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Request for Project on Austria

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1. Reference is made to memorandum to AD/RM from Chief, [REDACTED] under date of 13 March 1953. This memo requests a project on Austria similar to the one done on East Germany by S/OG.
2. The Project Control Committee has just completed a review of the 1953 Basic Research Program for S/OG. The committee found that S/OG would be able to accomplish its 1953 program within the calendar year of 1953, with some minor adjustments in due dates. The outstanding project in the 1953 program for this branch is project 41.4, which has an allocation of 2800 hours out of the total allocation for the branch of 4760 hours. It is such a huge task that the committee felt 41.4 should be submitted in parts, as the study of each related group of ministries is completed. This would carry out the plan as initiated by necessity last year when a working paper was published on 8 of the 63 known ministries.
3. If the Austrian project is laid on, it must be laid on at the expense of project 41.4, thus delaying phases of it somewhat. Our published information so far on Austria is definitely weak. Some "high level" offices, particularly ONE, are apparently placing little emphasis on Austria in their studies. On the other hand, DD/P is obviously quite interested in a study on Austria for the purposes appropriate to their zone of action.
4. D/S would like to do this Austrian project if it is understood that in so doing project 41.4 will not be completed this year. As a matter of fact, they consider project 41.4 a continuing project and feel that it will be more than a year before it will really be complete and up-to-date in its every aspect.
5. It is, therefore, recommended that project 41.5, under a title of "Organizational Structure of Soviet Control and Procurement Agencies in Austria," be approved for S/OG with a due date of third quarter 1953. Man-hours allocation: 600.

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